

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Criminal Investigation Division
Investigative Activity Report**

Case Number

0605-0052

Case Title:

Southwest Rice Mill

Reporting Office:

Baton Rouge, LA, Resident Office

Subject of Report:

Receipt of communications from BNSF Railroad

Activity Date:

February 2, 2012

Reporting Official and Date:

██████████, SA

03-FEB-2012, Signed by: ██████████, SA

Approving Official and Date:

██████████ SAC

03-FEB-2012, Approved by: ██████████, ASAC

SYNOPSIS

On Thursday, February 2nd, 2012, Special Agent ██████████ received a compilation of email communications from BNSF legal counsel, ██████████. The email communications included the correspondence between BNSF employees and representatives of Southwest Rice Mill.

DETAILS

On Tuesday, January 31st, 2012, Special Agent ██████████ spoke telephonically with ██████████, attorney for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF). The agent requested the complete email communication between BNSF and Southwest Rice Mill relative to the oil spill that occurred in Crowley, Louisiana in May, 2011. ██████████ conveyed that BNSF would cooperate with the investigation and added that the property upon which the spill occurred was not owned by BNSF.

On Wednesday, February 1st, 2012, the agent received an email from ██████████ which included an attachment of the email communication between BNSF and representatives of Southwest Rice Mill. The agent reviewed the email and discovered six email communications between the parties. A copy of the email received from ██████████ and the attachment of correspondence between the parties are included as an attachment to this report.

ATTACHMENT

Email from ██████████
Communications Between BNSF and SWRM